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Re: British Patent Application No. 25896/67
Corresponding to U.S. Serial No. 557,922
Your Ref.: A.10899: TR:PE-J:RM
Our Ref.: 582-509B Great Britain

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Dear Sirs:

We have studied your letters of November 20, 1968 and February 5, 1969 relating to subject application and approve the proposed amendments to the description as well as new pages 2, 3, 4, 13 and 14.

With respect to the remaining points in your letter, we comment as follows:

The specific method of treating tobacco so as to remove substantially all the calcium and magnesium cross-links from the pectinaceous material is known and constitutes a part of the invention only to the extent that the claimed product is so treated and the method of making such product includes such treatment.

When the sentence in the original disclosure which you cite in your letter if November 20 refers to "desired amount" it means that removal of substantially all is desired. You may amend the sentence if you deem it necessary for purposes of clarity.

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You are correct in assuming that the amounts of nicotine, nicotine salt or phosphate added are such that the total contents in the final product are as stated whether introduced as part of the essential ingredients or as part of theeoptional ingredients. For example, the phosphate added should not exceed 1.0% by weight and should constitute at least 0.8%; if added as potassium phosphate, the total potassium should not exceed 5.0% by weight but should constitute at least 0.19%. Quite obviously, if the 5.0% limit of potassium has been reached initially, then no more phosphate in the form of potassium phosphate should be added.

Please prepare a suitable response to the outstanding Official Letter and file it as promptly as possible.

If you need any additional information, please advise us by early return of air mail.

Very truly yours,

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